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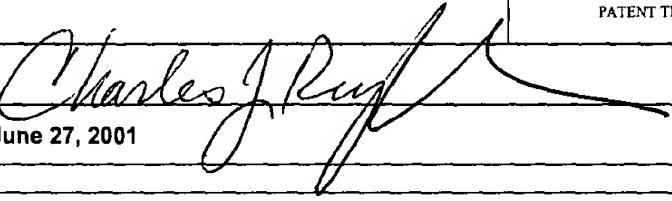
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 20-27 to read as follows:

20. (New) A semiconductor device sub-structure, comprising:
a substrate;
an oxide layer disposed over the substrate in a pattern having a physical contour
of at least one or more recessed portions and at least one or more extended portions;